IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of Dieter Backhaus

Group Art Unit:

Serial No:

Examiner:

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FOR: PARTITION OR METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PARTITION FOR A MULTILAYER PRESSED PACKET

Preliminary Amendment

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments before consideration on the merits and before calculation of the claim fee.